

**TOWN OF HOUNSFIELD BOARD MEETING**  
**May 11, 2016**

The monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Hounsfield was called to order by Supervisor Timothy Scee at 7 pm, at the Town Hall, 18774 Co. Rt. 66 and the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Board members present were: Supervisor Scee, Councilmember Todd Farrington, Councilmember Carson Lennox, Councilmember Victoria Pritty-Pitcher, and Councilmember Corry Lawler.

A motion was made by C'member Pritty-Pitcher and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'member Farrington to approve the minutes of the meeting of this Board held on 4/13/16. All voted aye and motion was carried.

Correspondence received included: A note that there will be a Jefferson County Economic Group seminar on 5/18, 6-8pm. A thank you letter from the Volunteer Transportation Center for the Town's support. A notice of the Black River Water Shed Conference on 6/8, 8-4:30pm. A letter from Nancy and Brian Robbins explaining the concept of the Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust. An annual budget from the Sackets Harbor Fire Co.

At this time the Clerk to the Supervisor read the April Statement of the Supervisor: Total receipts \$281,730.65, Total disbursements \$326,251.75, Total cash in bank \$454,052.70, Total investments \$645,290.98. A motion was made by C'member Farrington and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'member Lawler to accept the Supervisor's Report for April 2016. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'member Lennox and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'member Farrington to pay bills in abstract #5A & B vouchers #100260 – 100318: General Fund A \$26,582.61, General Fund B \$1,260.94, Lakeside Cemetery Fund \$29.00, Highway Fund A \$20,296.61, Highway Fund B \$4,738.35, Water Dist. 2 \$6,258.89, Water Dist. 5 \$3,454.26, Water Dist. 1 \$948.69, Water Dist. 4 \$843.28, Water Dist. 3 \$5,207.76, Abstract Total \$68,350.39. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

The executive director of the Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust was present with the Robbins family to ask the Town Board to write a letter of support for the Robbins family farm to apply for an 800 acre trust to be forever farm land in the Town of Hounsfield. Town Board members asked questions and a discussion was held. A motion was made by C'member Lawler and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'member Lennox to support this application for Forever Farmland by the Robbins family farm. In a roll call vote all members of the Board voted yes. The motion was carried.

Each Councilmember gave a report.

Bids for lawn mowing at Lakeside Cemetery were opened at this time by C'member Farrington: East Coast Creations, Weaver Road, Watertown, NY bid \$400 per mow and Yard by Yard, Chaumont, NY bid \$500 per mow for the 2016 & 2017 season. A discussion was held by the Board.

A motion was made by C'member Farrington and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'member Lawler to approve the bid of \$400 per mow for lawn mowing this season at Lakeside Cemetery made by East Coast Creations provided the company has the proper insurance. A yes vote was recorded from C'members Farrington, Lawler, Pritty-Pitcher and Supervisor Scee. A no vote was recorded from C'member Lennox. Motion carried.

A discussion was held by the Board about a water leak issue off Military Road. The home owners are asking for credit of over \$6,000 worth of water that leaked from their lateral over a two year period. About \$1,000 of that amount are late fees. The Town repaired the pipe at a cost of \$5,000.

A motion was made by Supervisor Scee and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'member Lawler to offer \$1,000 to Jim and Terri Nelson, Military Road, as settlement in the claims of the Town of Hounsfield's responsibility for a water leak on their property. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'member Lawler and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'member Pritty-Pitcher for Resolution #16-11 declaring the intent of the Town of Hounsfield Board to act as lead agency in the tank THM removal system for the aeration and treatment of the existing Town water tank. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Dustin Clark, of Barton & Loguidice engineering firm was present for an update on the aeration project and water project grants.

At this time the Highway Superintendent gave a work report for April. A discussion was held on the highway equipment inventory and a possible purchase of a new dump truck and plow equipment.

A motion was made by C'member Lawler and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'member Farrington to approve purchase of a 2017 Western Star dump truck from Tracey Road Equipment for \$125,350, with payment in September 2016 and plow equipment for \$63,341 from Viking-Cives Group with payment in January 2017. All voted aye and the motion carried.

The Zoning Officer gave a monthly report.

Supervisor Scee reported that he wrote a letter to the Sackets Harbor Village Board requesting to purchase water for the Town proposed water district 7, which is needed for the funding application.

At this time a moment of silence was held for Richard Coseo, Village Police, to thank him for his service to the community.

The Board then opened the floor to public comment and received some comments.

Next meeting will be 6/8/16

This meeting was adjourned at 9:21 pm.

Submitted by,

Diane M. Nier  
Town Clerk